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1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE, WHICH BEING USED HERE IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM PRESS, IS FOR USE IN ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESS RELATING TO OUR CURRENT AID POLICIES FOR UGANDA.

2. LIKE SOME OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE MADE DECISIONS
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RECENTLY TO WITHDRAW THEIR AID EMPLOYEES FROM UGANDA, WE, TOO, HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THE ABILITY OF OUR AID PERSONNEL TO CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN UGANDA IN LIGHT OF CURRENT UNCERTAINTIES THERE. AS A CONSEQUENCE-- AND AS NOTED BY UGANDAN MEDIA-- OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS SOME AID EMPLOYEES WILL BE DEPARTING AS THEIR ASSIGNMENTS NORMALLY EXPIRE, WHILE OTHER PERSONNEL WILL BE LEAVING PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THEIR TOURS. AS YOU KNOW, SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW AID PROGRAMS FOR UGANDA AND SOME OF OUR PERSONNEL HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE NO REMAINING AID PERSONNEL IN UGANDA BEYOND THIS SUMMER. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MEET OUR EXISTING COMMITMENTS FOR THE TRAINING OF THOSE UGANDANS WHO ARE ALREADY IN THE U. S. AND WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO COME HERE THIS SUMMER AND FALL. REGIONAL (EAC) AND CONTINENT-WIDE PROGRAMS WHICH MAY INVOLVE UGANDANS ARE BEING MAINTAINED. GOU MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHOM OUR AID ADVISORS ARE WORKING HAVE BEEN SO INFORMED.

3. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON APPROACH TO TAKE WITH GOU. ROGERS

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